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3. Windstream has commenced work on its Federal Communication Commission's Connect America Fund Phase 2 ("CAF2") projects in the Dyersville and Slaterr, Iowa rate centers. These projects entail, among other things, deploying packet switches that will be compatible with the new broadband infrastructure. Pursuant to the applicable industry *Location Routing Number (LRN) Assignment Practices document (ATIS-0300065)*, Windstream must establish a unique LRN to identify the recipient switch or POI and must establish one LRN per LATA per switch from an assigned NXX for the recipient switch in the number portability capable network. Thus, Windstream must obtain an LRN for each of the new packet switches located in the Dyersville and Slater rate centers. Also pursuant to industry guidelines, only an NXX code holder can obtain an LRN, thus necessitating Windstream's request for an NXX code, for these rate centers. It should be noted, however, that Windstream would retain only a single thousand-number-block from the new NXX code.

4. Further, Windstream does not have any NXX codes that could be moved for the purpose of establishing an LRN, nor does it have a clean one-thousand number block that could be intra-service provider ported to the new packet switch.

5. Given the need described above, on July 20, 2016 for Dyersville and July 14, 2016 for Slaterr, Windstream submitted its request to Neustar acting as the PA for the LRN and additional numbering resources required, (attached hereto as Attachment A and B).

6. Neustar subsequently denied Windstream's request on the grounds that it failed to meet the FCC's utilization requirement (attached hereto as Attachment A and B). As a result of Neustar's denials, Windstream has been unable to obtain the requested LRN and thousand-number block.

7. Under existing procedures, Neustar, as the PA, is required to accept or reject an application for numbering resources based solely on FCC criteria. FCC rules, however, make clear that a carrier may challenge a numbering resource denial by the PA before the appropriate state regulatory commission and that the state commission has jurisdiction to affirm or overturn the PA's decision to withhold numbering resources.¹

8. The FCC specifically grants state commissions "flexibility to direct the NANPA or Pooling Administrator to assign additional numbering resources to carriers that have demonstrated a verifiable need for additional numbering resources outside of these specifically enumerated instances."² Specifically, in establishing the safety valve, the FCC recognized that conditions that could give rise to a need for additional numbering resources "might include situations where a carrier has multiple switches within a rate center but it is unable to readily share numbering resources among those switches."³

9. Based upon the need described above, Windstream seeks the Board's reversal of Neustar's decision acting as PA and requests that the Board provide Windstream authorization for the new LRN and new NXX so as to fulfill the promise of this project that Windstream is undertaking under the CAF2.

10. Windstream respectfully requests that the Board act upon this Application within ten business days. The FCC has recognized the importance of timely action:

[W]e recognize that in many instances, the failure to address a request for additional numbering resources can impair a carrier's ability to stay in or expand business. We therefore direct states to act on carrier requests for a safety valve as expeditiously as

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3)(iv).

² *Numbering Resource Optimization, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 01-362, 17 FCC Rcd 252, ¶ 61 (2001).

³ *Id.* at ¶ 58. See also *id.* at ¶¶ 61 and 65.

possible. Although we do not establish a specific time limit for states to act on these requests, we believe that, in most instances, 10 business days from receipt of a request that the state determines to be sufficiently detailed and complete will be sufficient time to review and act upon safety valve requests.⁴

11. Granting Windstream's Application will not adversely affect the numbering resources available for use by carriers throughout the state in providing telecommunications services to their customers. Further, granting Windstream's request is in the public interest and consistent with the FCC's rules and decisions.

WHEREFORE, Windstream respectfully requests that the Board overturn and reverse Neustar's previous determination as the PA; direct Neustar to grant Windstream's application regarding its request; act within ten business days as suggested by the FCC or as soon thereafter as is possible; instruct Neustar acting as PA to release the numbering resources as specified herein; and grant all other proper relief to which Windstream may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

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⁴ *Id.* at ¶ 66.

EXHIBIT A
Dyersville, IA

Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines (COCAG)
Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Request-Part 1

Revised: January 4, 2016

Tracking
Number: **563-DYERSVILLE-IA-934946****Full NXX: LRN**Type of
Application: ☒ New ☐ Change¹ ☐
Delete

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Contact Information:

Code Applicant:Company/Entity
Name: **WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - NORTH**Headquarters
Address: **4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD**City, State, Zip: **LITTLE ROCK, AR, 72212**Contact Name: **MARY RICHARDS**Contact
Address: **301 N MAIN STREET**City: **GREENVILLE** State: **SC** ZIP: **29609**Phone: **864-672-5329** Fax :E-mail: **MARY.RICHARDS@WINDSTREAM.COM****Code Administrator:**²Name: **David Morgan**Address: **46000 Center Oak Plaza**City: **Sterling** State: **VA** ZIP: **20166**Phone: **571-434-5381** Fax : **571-434-5502**1.2 NPA: **563** NXX:³ LATA: **634** OCN:⁴**1167**
Parent Company's OCN(s) **G118**Switching Identification (Switching Entity/POI) ⁵**DYVLIAXOPS0**

Locality/City/Wire Center:

Rate Center:⁶**DYERSVILLE**Homing Tandem Operating Co.⁷:**at&t**Tandem Homing
CLLI^{TM8}:**MNPLIAXC09T**1.3 **Dates**

Requested Effective

Date of Application: 07/20/2016Date: ^{9,10}09/24/2016

☐ By selecting this checkbox, I acknowledge that I am requesting the earliest possible effective date the Administrator can grant. Please note that this only applies to a reduction in the Administrator's processing time, however the request will still be processed in the order received.

Request Expedited Treatment Yes _____ No **X**

Expedite Documentation must be provided if "Request Expedite" = Yes

Expedited Explanation:

1.4 a) Type of Company/Entity Requesting Code (LEC, IC, CMRS, Other): **Incumbent**
Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)b) Type of service (e.g., Cellular - Type 2): **Wireline**

c) Code Assignment Preference (Optional) _____

d) Codes that are undesirable, if any _____

e) Type of Change (Mark all that apply)

☐ OCN-Intra-company¹¹ ☐ Switching Id ☐ Rate Center ☐ Tandem Homing CLLI☐ OCN-Inter-company¹² ☐ Effective Date ☐ LATA ☐ Extend Reservations1.5 Type of Request (Initial, growth, etc.) **Growth**

If an initial code, attach (1) evidence of certification and (2) proof of ability to place code in service within 60 days. If a growth code, attach months to exhaust worksheet.

Pooling Indicator: ¹³ ☒ Yes ☐ No1.6 NPA Jeopardy Criteria Apply: ☐ Yes ☐ No1.7 Code request for new service (Explain): **new switch deployment**

1.8 It is the code applicant's responsibility to arrange input of Part 2 information into BIRRDS. The 45-calendar day nationwide minimum interval cut-over for BIRRDS will not begin until input into BIRRDS has been completed.

Comments:

I hereby certify that the above information requesting an NXX code is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this application has been prepared in accordance with Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines posted to the ATIS web site (<http://www.atis.org/inc/incguides.asp>) as of the date of this application¹⁴.

MARY RICHARDS

Signature of Code Applicant

CODE ADMINISTRATOR

Title

07/20/2016

Date

¹Identify type and reason for change(s) in Section 1.4(e).

²A list of the current Code Administrator(s) who can provide assistance in completing this form is available upon request from NANPA.

³The NXX field is required for any code request in which there is a change or the NXX is being returned.

⁴Operating Company Number (OCN) assignments must uniquely identify the applicant. Relative to CO Code assignments, NECA-assigned Company Codes may be used as OCNs. Companies with no prior CO Code or Company Code assignments may contact NECA (800-228-8597) to be assigned a Company Code(s). Since multiple OCNs and/or Company Codes may be associated with a given company, companies with prior assignment should direct questions regarding appropriate OCN usage to the iconectiv TelcordiaTM Routing Administration (TRA) on 732-699-6700.

⁵This is an 11 character descriptor of the switch provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This is the 11 character Common Language[®] Location Code (CLLITM Code) of the applicant's switch or POI. Common Language[®] and Telcordia[®] are registered trademarks and CLLITM, LERGTM Routing Guide and iconectivTM are trademarks and the Intellectual Property of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv.

⁶Rate Center name must be a tariffed Rate Center associated with toll billing.

⁷Applies to any code applicant connecting to the Public Switched Telephone Network via a tandem owned by a different carrier.

⁸This is an eleven-character descriptor provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This must be the CLLITM Location Identification Code of the switching entity/POI, and is the same on Part 2, Form 1, Page 2 of 2.

⁹Code applicants should request an effective date that is at least 66 calendar days from the submission of this form. It should be noted that interconnection arrangements and facilities need to be in place prior to activation of a code. Such arrangements are outside the scope of these guidelines.

¹⁰Requests for code assignment shall not be made more than six months prior to the requested effective date.

¹¹Select if you are the current Code Holder

¹²_____

¹³The Applicant will indicate "YES" if the NXX being requested will be used for thousands-block number pooling and will leave this field blank if it is not.

¹⁴An incomplete form may result in delays in processing this request.

Tracking Number: **563-DYERSVILLE-IA-934946**Thousands-Block Application Form - Part 1A
Revised: January 4, 2016**Full NXX: LRN**Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Change ⁱ ☐ Disconnect

General Application Information

1.1 Contact Information:

Block Applicant:

Company Name: **WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - NORTH**

Headquarters Address: **4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD**

City: **LITTLE ROCK** State: **AR** ZIP: **72212**

Contact Name: **MARY RICHARDS**

Contact Address: **301 N MAIN STREET**

City: **GREENVILLE** State: **SC** ZIP: **29609**

Phone: **864-672-5329** Fax:

E-mail: **MARY.RICHARDS@WINDSTREAM.COM**

Pooling Administrator:ⁱⁱ

Contact Name: **Kevin Gatchell**

Contact Address: **1800 Sutter St**

City: **Concord** State: **CA** ZIP: **94520**

Phone: **925-363-8742** Fax: **925-363-7692**

E-mail: **kevin.gatchell@neustar.biz**

1.2 General Information:

Check one : No LRN needed _____ LRN neededⁱⁱⁱ: **X**

Parent Company's OCN

NPA: 563 LATA: 634 OCN^{iv}: 1167 G118Number of Thousands-Blocks Requested : 1Switch Identification (Switching Entity/POI^v):
DYVLIAXOPS0Rate Center^{vi}: DYERSVILLE

1.3 Dates:

Date of Application^{vii}:
07/20/2016Requested Effective Date^{viii}:
09/24/2016Requested Expedited Treatment? (See Section 8.6) Yes ____ No X

☐ By selecting this checkbox, I acknowledge that I am requesting the earliest possible effective date the Administrator can grant. Please note that this only applies to a reduction in the Administrator's processing time, however the request will still be processed in the order received.

1.4 Type of Service Provider Requesting the Thousands-Block :

- a) Type of Service Provider : Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
(LEC, IXC, CMRS, Other)
- b) Primary Type of Service Blocks to be used for : Wireline
- c) Thousands-Block(s) (NXX-X) assignment preference (Optional) _____
- d) Thousands-Block(s) (NXX-X) that are undesirable for this assignment , if any _____
- e) If requesting a code for LRN purposes, indicate which block(s) you will be keeping (the remainder of the blocks will be given to the pool) 563-xxx-9,

1.5 Type of Request:

Initial block for rate center : Yes _____ If Yes, attach evidence of authorization and proof of capability to provide service within 60 days.

Growth block for rate center : Yes X If Yes, attach months to exhaust worksheet

☐ By selecting this checkbox, I acknowledge that I am willing to accept a block in red and explicitly understand that the underlying CO code may not yet be activated in the PSTN and loaded in the NPAC on the block effective date.

Type of change (Mark all that apply)

☐ OCN: Intra-company^{ix} ☐ Switching Id ☐ Part 1B

☐ OCN: Inter-company^x ☐ Effective Date

Change block : Yes _____ If Yes, list NPA-NXX-X _____

1.6 Block Return :

- a) Is this block Contaminated: Yes _____ No _____
- b) If Yes how many TNs are NOT available for assignment : _____
- c) Have all new Intra SP ports been completed in the NPAC: Yes _____ No _____
- d) Has this block been protected from further assignment: Yes _____ No _____

Disconnect block : Yes _____ If Yes, list NPA-NXX-X _____

Remarks:

I hereby certify that the above information requesting an NXX-X block is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this application has been prepared in accordance with the Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines ATIS-0300066 available on the ATIS web site (www.atis.org/inc) or by contacting inc@atis.org as of the date of this application.

MARY RICHARDS

CODE ADMINISTRATOR

07/20/2016

Signature of Block Applicant Title

Date

Instructions for filling out each Section of the Part 1A form:

Section 1.1 Contact information requires that Service Providers supply under "Block Applicant" the company name, company headquarters address, a contact within the company, an address where the contact person may be reached, in addition to the correct phone, fax, and e-mail address. The Pooling Administrator section also requires the Service Provider to fill in the Pooling Administrator's name, address, phone, fax and e-mail.

Section 1.2 Service Providers who need a thousands-block assignment or for an Location Routing Number (LRN) are required to fill in this section. If needed for an LRN, a CO Code Application needs to also be submitted to the PA. The Service Provider should supply the Numbering Plan Area (NPA); the Local Access Transport Area (LATA), which is a three-digit number that can be found in the Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv (iconectivTM) LERGTM Routing Guide^{xi}. The Operating Company Number (OCN) assigned to the service provider and the OCN of its parent company. An OCN is a four-character alphanumeric NECA-assigned Company Code or a four-character alphanumeric identifier assigned by the iconectivTM Telecom Routing Administration (TRA). In addition, the number of thousands-blocks requested should be supplied. The Switch

Identification. Explanations of these terms may be found in the footnotes.

Section 1.3 The date the Service Provider completes the application should be entered in this section, as well as the Effective Date of the requested thousands-block.

Section 1.4 Service Providers should indicate their type, e.g., local exchange carrier, competitive local exchange carrier, interexchange carrier, CMRS or VoIP. Also indicate the primary type of business in which the numbering resource is to be used. Service Providers may indicate their preference for a particular thousands-block, e.g., 321-9XXX, or indicate any thousands-blocks that may be undesirable, e.g., 321-6XXX.

Section 1.5 Service Providers indicate the type of request. Initial requests are for first applications for thousands-blocks in a rate center, growth for additional thousands-blocks in a rate center in which the applicant already has numbering resources, and provide the required evidence as ordered by the FCC.

Section 1.6 Service Providers must indicate the updated/current information in regards to contaminated TNs on the block they are returning to the pool. Blocks with over 10% contamination (101 TNs or more) shall not be returned to the pool except when a service provider is exiting the market or is exchanging a block that was identified as being over 10% contaminated. If the block being returned is over 10% contaminated, the PA shall seek a new block holder. If question c and/or d have a response of No, the request for return shall be denied.

The thousands-block applicant certifies veracity of this form by signing their name, and providing their title and date.

Footnotes:

ⁱIdentify the type of change(s) in Section 1.5.

ⁱⁱThe Pool Administrator is available to assist in completing these forms.

ⁱⁱⁱA CO Code application will also need to be submitted to the PA.

^{iv}Operating Company Number (OCN) assignments must uniquely identify the applicant. Relative to CO Code assignments, NECA-assigned Company Codes may be used as OCNs. Companies with no prior CO Code or Company Code assignments should contact NECA (800 524-1020) to be assigned a Company Code(s). Since multiple OCNs and/or Company Codes may be associated with a given company, companies with prior assignments should direct questions regarding appropriate OCN usage to TRA (732-699-6700).

^vThis is an eleven-character descriptor of the switch provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This is the 11 character CLLITM Code of the switch /POI.

^{vi}Rate Center name must be a tariffed Rate Center.

^{vii}Acknowledgment and indication of disposition of this application will be provided to applicant within seven calendar days from the date of receipt of this application. An incomplete form may result in delays in processing this request.

^{viii} Please ensure that the NPA-NXX of the LRN to be associated with this block (s) is/will be active in the PSTN prior to the effective date of the block(s).

^{ix} Select if you are the current Block Holder.

^x Select if you are not the current Block Holder

^{xi} Common Language[®] and Telcordia[®] are registered trademarks and CLI[™], LERG[™] Routing Guide and iconectiv[™] are trademarks and the Intellectual Property of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv.

Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administration Guidelines (TBPAG) - Appendix 3

Revised: January 4, 2016

MONTHS TO EXHAUST and UTILIZATION CERTIFICATION WORK SHEET - TN Level¹
(Thousands-Block Number Pooling Growth Block Request)Tracking Number: 563-DYERSVILLE-IA-934946Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2016OCN: 1167Company Name: WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - NORTHRate Center: DYERSVILLEList all Codes NPA(s)-NXX(s) and Blocks NPA(s)-NXX-X(s)²: 563-875-1,2,5,6,7,8,9Name of Block Applicant: MARY RICHARDSSignature: MARY RICHARDSTitle: CODE ADMINISTRATORPhone: 864-672-5329-

Fax:

E-Mail: MARY.RICHARDS@WINDSTREAM.COMA. Available Numbers: 3163B. Assigned Numbers: 3638C. Total Numbering Resources: 7000D. Quantity of numbers activated in the past 90 days (increments of 1,000 or 10,000) and excluded from the Utilization calculation ³: 0List
Excluded
Code(s) or
Block(s):

Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

E. Growth History -	<u>-1</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>-19</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>-10</u>
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Previous 6
months⁴

F. Forecast

- Next 12 months⁵

<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
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G. Average Monthly Forecast (Sum of months # 1-6 (Part F above) divided by 6):1.0

H. Months
to Exhaust⁶
=

Numbers Available for Assignment to
Customers (A)

Average Monthly Forecast (G)

Block Requested

1

Available Numbers

3163

Months To Exhaust

3163.00

I.

Utilization⁷
=

Assigned Numbers (B)

X 100 =

51.971

Total Numbering Resources (C)-Excluded
Numbers (D)

Explanation: _____

¹A copy of this worksheet is required to be submitted to the Pooling Administrator when requesting additional numbering resources in a rate center. For auditing purposes, the applicant must retain a copy of this document.

²Report on all resources for the requested geographic area, including newly acquired blocks/codes.

³Quantity of numbers activated in the past 90 days is based on blocks and/or codes received from the administrator and shall be reported in increments of 1,000 or 10,000 TNs (e. g.: 2 blocks received=2,000 and 1 code received =10,000).

⁴Net change in TNs no longer available for assignment in each previous month, starting with the most distant month as Month 1, and Month 6 as the current month.

⁵Forecast of TNs needed in each following month, starting with the most recent month as Month 1.

⁶To be assigned an additional thousands-block (NXX-X) for growth, "Months to Exhaust" must be less than or equal to 6 months. (47 CFR § 52.15 (g) (4) (iii)).

⁷Newly acquired numbers may be excluded from the Utilization calculation (47 CFR § 52.15 (g)(4)

(ii))

Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administration Guidelines
(TBPAG) - Part 3

Revised: January 4, 2016

Pooling Administrator's Response/Confirmation

Tracking Number : 563-DYERSVILLE-
IA-934946

Date of Application: 07/20/2016 Effective Date: _____
Date of Receipt: 07/20/2016 Date of Response: 07/20/2016

Service Provider Name: WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. -
NORTH

(LERGTM Routing Guide¹) OCN: 1167

Parent Company OCN: G118

NPAC SOA SPID : _____

Pooling Administrator Contact Information:

Kevin Gatchell Phone: 925-363-8742

Signature of Pooling Administrator
Kevin Gatchell Fax: 925-363-7692

Name (print)

Email: kevin.gatchell@neustar.biz

 NPA-NXX or
NPA-NXX-X :

Block Assigned: _____

Block Reserved : _____

Block Reservation
Expiration Date : _____

Block/Code
Modified : _____

Block/Code
Disconnected : _____

Block Contaminated (Yes or No): _____

If yes, enter the number of TNs
contaminated (1-1000): _____

Switch Identification (Switching/POI)²: DYVLIAXOPS0

Rate Center: DYERSVILLE

X Form complete, request denied.

Explanation:

DR-57: You do not meet the MTE and/or Utilization requirements, therefore this request for a new code is denied. You may proceed with requesting a State Waiver from the appropriate state commission using this Part 3 denial. If you are in disagreement with the disposition of this request, please refer to the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines for the appeals process.

Request Withdrawn.

Explanation:

Assignment Activity Suspended by Administrator.

Explanation:

Remarks:

¹ Telcordia[®] is a registered trademark and LERG[™] Routing Guide and iconectiv[™] are trademarks and the Intellectual Property of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv.

² This is an eleven-character descriptor provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This must be the Common Language[®] Location Code (CLLI[™] Code) of the switching entity/POI shown on the Part 1A form. Common Language[®] is a registered trademark and CLLI is a trademark and the Intellectual Property of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv.

Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administration Guidelines
(TBPAG) - Part 3

Revised: January 4, 2016

Pooling Administrator's Response/Confirmation

Tracking Number : 563-DYERSVILLE-
IA-934946

Date of Application: 07/20/2016 Effective Date: _____
Date of Receipt: 07/20/2016 Date of Response: 07/20/2016

Service Provider Name: WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. -
NORTH

(LERGTM Routing
Guide¹) OCN: 1167

Parent Company OCN: G118

NPAC SOA SPID : _____

Pooling Administrator Contact Information:

Kevin Gatchell Phone: 925-363-8742
Signature of Pooling Administrator
Kevin Gatchell Fax: 925-363-7692
Name (print)
Email: kevin.gatchell@neustar.biz

NPA-NXX or
____ NPA-NXX-X :

Block Assigned:

Block Reserved : _____

Block Reservation

Expiration Date : _____

Block/Code

Modified :

Block/Code

Disconnected :

Block Contaminated (Yes or No): _____

If yes, enter the number of TNs
contaminated (1-1000): _____Switch Identification (Switching/POI)²:DYVLIAXOPS0

Rate Center:

DYERSVILLE☒ Form complete, request denied.

Explanation:

DR-57: You do not meet the MTE and/or Utilization requirements, therefore this request for a new code is denied. You may proceed with requesting a State Waiver from the appropriate state commission using this Part 3 denial. If you are in disagreement with the disposition of this request, please refer to the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines for the appeals process.

Request Withdrawn.

Explanation:

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Explanation:

Remarks:

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MONTHS TO EXHAUST and UTILIZATION CERTIFICATION WORKSHEET – TN Level¹
(Thousands-Block Number Pooling Growth Block Request)

Date: 07/12/2016 OCN: 1167 Company Name: Windstream Communications

Rate Center: Dyersville, IA

List all Codes NPA(s)-NXXs and Blocks NPA(s)-NXX-X(s): 563-875-1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Name of Block Applicant: Susan W. Barnhart Signature: _____

Title: Coordinator – MIROR Administration Telephone No.: 786-629-4242 FAX No.: 706-776-3495

E-Mail: Susan.W.Barnhart@windstream.com

A. Available Numbers: 3163

B. Assigned Numbers: 3638

C. Total Numbering Resources: 7000

D. Quantity of numbers activated in the past 90 days and excluded from the Utilization calculation: _____
List excluded Code(s) or Block(s): _____

	Month #1	Month #2	Month #3	Month #4	Month #5	Month #6	Month #7	Month #8	Month #9	Month #10	Month #11	Month #12
E. Growth History – Previous 6 months ²	-1	-5	-10	-19	-12	-10						
F. Forecast – Next 12 months ³	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
G. Average Monthly Forecast (Sum of months #1-6 (Part F above) divided by 6): 1												

H. Months to Exhaust⁴ $\frac{\text{Numbers Available for Assignment to Customers (A)}}{\text{Average Monthly Forecast (G)}} = 3163$ I. Utilization⁵ $\frac{\text{Assigned Numbers (B) – Excluded Numbers (D)}}{\text{Total Numbering Resources (C) – Excluded Numbers (D)}} * 100 = 52\%$

Explanation: _____

¹ A copy of this worksheet is required to be submitted to the Pooling Administrator when requesting additional numbering resources in a rate center. For auditing purposes, the applicant must retain a copy of this document.

² Net change in TNs no longer available for assignment in each previous month, starting with the most distant month as Month #1, and Month #6 as the current month.

³ Forecast of TNs needed in each following month, starting with the most recent month as Month #1.

⁴ To be assigned an additional thousands-block (NXX-X) for growth, "Months to Exhaust" must be less than or equal to 6 months. (FCC 00-104, § 52.15 (g) (3) (iii)).

⁵ Newly acquired numbers may be excluded from the Utilization calculation (FCC 00104, section 52.15 (g)(3)(ii))

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EXHIBIT B

Slater, IA

Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines (COAG)
Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Request-Part 1

Revised: January 4, 2016

Tracking
Number: 515-SLATER-IA-933901

Full NXX: LRN

Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Change¹ ☐
Delete

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Contact Information:

Code Applicant:

Company/Entity
Name: WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - NORTH

Headquarters
Address: 4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD

City, State, Zip: LITTLE ROCK, AR, 72212

Contact Name: MARY RICHARDS

Contact
Address: 301 N MAIN STREET

City: GREENVILLE State: SC ZIP: 29609

Phone: 864-672-5329 Fax :

E-mail: MARY.RICHARDS@WINDSTREAM.COM

Code Administrator:²

Name: David Morgan

Address: 46000 Center Oak Plaza

City: Sterling State: VA ZIP: 20166

Phone: 571-434-5381 Fax : 571-434-5502

1.2 NPA: 515 NXX:³ LATA: 632 OCN:⁴1167
Parent Company's OCN(s) G118

Switching Identification (Switching Entity/POI) ⁵SLTRIAXOPS0

Locality/City/Wire Center:

Rate Center:⁶SLATER

Homing Tandem Operating Co.⁷: at&t

Tandem Homing
CLLI^{TM8}: KNVLIAXC19T

1.3 Dates

Requested Effective

Date of Application: 07/14/2016Date:^{9,10}09/18/2016

☐ By selecting this checkbox, I acknowledge that I am requesting the earliest possible effective date the Administrator can grant. Please note that this only applies to a reduction in the Administrator's processing time, however the request will still be processed in the order received.

Request Expedited Treatment Yes ☐ No ☒

Expedite Documentation must be provided if "Request Expedite" = Yes

Expedited Explanation:

1.4 a) Type of Company/Entity Requesting Code (LEC, IC, CMRS, Other): Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)b) Type of service (e.g., Cellular - Type 2): Wireline

c) Code Assignment Preference (Optional) _____

d) Codes that are undesirable, if any _____

e) Type of Change (Mark all that apply)

☐ OCN-Intra-company¹¹ ☐ Switching Id ☐ Rate Center ☐ Tandem Homing CLLI
☐ OCN-Inter-company¹² ☐ Effective Date ☐ LATA ☐ Extend Reservations

1.5 Type of Request (Initial, growth, etc.) Growth

If an initial code, attach (1) evidence of certification and (2) proof of ability to place code in service within 60 days. If a growth code, attach months to exhaust worksheet.

Pooling Indicator: ¹³ ☒ Yes ☐ No1.6 NPA Jeopardy Criteria Apply: ☐ Yes ☐ No1.7 Code request for new service (Explain): new switch deployment project

1.8 It is the code applicant's responsibility to arrange input of Part 2 information into BIRRDs. The 45-calendar day nationwide minimum interval cut-over for BIRRDs will not begin until input into BIRRDs has been completed.

Comments:

I hereby certify that the above information requesting an NXX code is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this application has been prepared in accordance with Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines posted to the ATIS web site (<http://www.atis.org/inc/incguides.asp>) as of the date of this application¹⁴.

MARY RICHARDS

Signature of Code Applicant

CODE ADMINISTRATOR

Title

07/14/2016

Date

¹Identify type and reason for change(s) in Section 1.4(e).

²A list of the current Code Administrator(s) who can provide assistance in completing this form is available upon request from NANPA.

³The NXX field is required for any code request in which there is a change or the NXX is being returned.

⁴Operating Company Number (OCN) assignments must uniquely identify the applicant. Relative to CO Code assignments, NECA-assigned Company Codes may be used as OCNs. Companies with no prior CO Code or Company Code assignments may contact NECA (800-228-8597) to be assigned a Company Code(s). Since multiple OCNs and/or Company Codes may be associated with a given company, companies with prior assignment should direct questions regarding appropriate OCN usage to the iconectiv TelcordiaTM Routing Administration (TRA) on 732-699-6700.

⁵This is an 11 character descriptor of the switch provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This is the 11 character Common Language[®] Location Code (CLLITM Code) of the applicant's switch or POI. Common Language[®] and Telcordia[®] are registered trademarks and CLLITM, LERGTM Routing Guide and iconectivTM are trademarks and the Intellectual Property of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv.

⁶Rate Center name must be a tariffed Rate Center associated with toll billing.

⁷Applies to any code applicant connecting to the Public Switched Telephone Network via a tandem owned by a different carrier.

⁸This is an eleven-character descriptor provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This must be the CLLITM Location Identification Code of the switching entity/POI, and is the same on Part 2, Form 1, Page 2 of 2.

⁹Code applicants should request an effective date that is at least 66 calendar days from the submission of this form. It should be noted that interconnection arrangements and facilities need to be in place prior to activation of a code. Such arrangements are outside the scope of these guidelines.

¹⁰Requests for code assignment shall not be made more than six months prior to the requested effective date.

¹¹Select if you are the current Code Holder

¹³The Applicant will indicate "YES" if the NXX being requested will be used for thousands-block number pooling and will leave this field blank if it is not.

¹⁴An incomplete form may result in delays in processing this request.

Tracking Number: **515-SLATER-IA-933901**

Thousands-Block Application Form - Part 1A
Revised: January 4, 2016

Full NXX: LRN

Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Change ⁱ ☐ Disconnect

General Application Information

1.1 Contact Information:

Block Applicant:

Company Name: **WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - NORTH**
Headquarters Address: **4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD**
City: **LITTLE ROCK** State: **AR** ZIP: **72212**
Contact Name: **MARY RICHARDS**
Contact Address: **301 N MAIN STREET**
City: **GREENVILLE** State: **SC** ZIP: **29609**
Phone: **864-672-5329** Fax:
E-mail: **MARY.RICHARDS@WINDSTREAM.COM**

Pooling Administrator:ⁱⁱ

Contact Name: **Kevin Gatchell**
Contact Address: **1800 Sutter St**
City: **Concord** State: **CA** ZIP: **94520**
Phone: **925-363-8742** Fax: **925-363-7692**
E-mail: **kevin.gatchell@neustar.biz**

1.2 General Information:

Check one : No LRN needed _____ LRN neededⁱⁱⁱ: X

Parent Company's OCN

NPA: 515 LATA: 632 OCN^{iv}: 1167 G118Number of Thousands-Blocks Requested : 1Switch Identification (Switching Entity/POI^v):
SLTRIAXOPS0Rate Center^{vi}: SLATER

1.3 Dates:

Date of Application^{vii}:
07/14/2016Requested Effective Date^{viii}:
09/18/2016Requested Expedited Treatment? (See Section 8.6) Yes ____ No X

☐ By selecting this checkbox, I acknowledge that I am requesting the earliest possible effective date the Administrator can grant. Please note that this only applies to a reduction in the Administrator's processing time, however the request will still be processed in the order received.

1.4 Type of Service Provider Requesting the Thousands-Block :

- a) Type of Service Provider : Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
(LEC, IXC, CMRS, Other)
- b) Primary Type of Service Blocks to be used for : Wireline
- c) Thousands-Block(s) (NXX-X) assignment preference (Optional) _____
- d) Thousands-Block(s) (NXX-X) that are undesirable for this assignment , if any _____
- e) If requesting a code for LRN purposes, indicate which block(s) you will be keeping (the remainder of the blocks will be given to the pool) 515-xxx-9

1.5 Type of Request:

Initial block for rate center : Yes _____ If Yes, attach evidence of authorization and proof of capability to provide service within 60 days.

Growth block for rate center : Yes X If Yes, attach months to exhaust worksheet

☐ By selecting this checkbox, I acknowledge that I am willing to accept a block in **red** and explicitly understand that the underlying CO code may not yet be activated in the PSTN and loaded in the NPAC on the block effective date.

Type of change (Mark all that apply)

☐ OCN: Intra-company^{ix} ☐ Switching Id ☐ Part 1B

☐ OCN: Inter-company^x ☐ Effective Date

Change block : Yes _____ If Yes, list NPA-NXX-X _____

1.6 Block Return :

- a) Is this block Contaminated: Yes _____ No _____
- b) If Yes how many TNs are NOT available for assignment : _____
- c) Have all new Intra SP ports been completed in the NPAC: Yes _____ No _____
- d) Has this block been protected from further assignment: Yes _____ No _____

Disconnect block : Yes _____ If Yes, list NPA-NXX-X _____

Remarks:

I hereby certify that the above information requesting an NXX-X block is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this application has been prepared in accordance with the Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines ATIS-0300066 available on the ATIS web site (www.atis.org/inc) or by contacting inc@atis.org as of the date of this application.

MARY RICHARDS

CODE ADMINISTRATOR

07/14/2016

Signature of Block Applicant Title

Date

Instructions for filling out each Section of the Part 1A form:

Section 1.1 Contact information requires that Service Providers supply under "Block Applicant" the company name, company headquarters address, a contact within the company, an address where the contact person may be reached, in addition to the correct phone, fax, and e-mail address. The Pooling Administrator section also requires the Service Provider to fill in the Pooling Administrator's name, address, phone, fax and e-mail.

Section 1.2 Service Providers who need a thousands-block assignment or for an Location Routing Number (LRN) are required to fill in this section. If needed for an LRN, a CO Code Application needs to also be submitted to the PA. The Service Provider should supply the Numbering Plan Area (NPA); the Local Access Transport Area (LATA), which is a three-digit number that can be found in the Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv (iconectivTM) LERGTM Routing Guide^{xi}. The Operating Company Number (OCN) assigned to the service provider and the OCN of its parent company. An OCN is a four-character alphanumeric NECA-assigned Company Code or a four-character alphanumeric identifier assigned by the iconectivTM Telecom Routing Administration (TRA). In addition, the number of thousands-blocks requested should be supplied. The Switch

Identification. Explanations of these terms may be found in the footnotes.

Section 1.3 The date the Service Provider completes the application should be entered in this section, as well as the Effective Date of the requested thousands-block.

Section 1.4 Service Providers should indicate their type, e.g., local exchange carrier, competitive local exchange carrier, interexchange carrier, CMRS or VoIP. Also indicate the primary type of business in which the numbering resource is to be used. Service Providers may indicate their preference for a particular thousands-block, e.g., 321-9XXX, or indicate any thousands-blocks that may be undesirable, e.g., 321-6XXX.

Section 1.5 Service Providers indicate the type of request. Initial requests are for first applications for thousands-blocks in a rate center, growth for additional thousands-blocks in a rate center in which the applicant already has numbering resources, and provide the required evidence as ordered by the FCC.

Section 1.6 Service Providers must indicate the updated/current information in regards to contaminated TNs on the block they are returning to the pool. Blocks with over 10% contamination (101 TNs or more) shall not be returned to the pool except when a service provider is exiting the market or is exchanging a block that was identified as being over 10% contaminated. If the block being returned is over 10% contaminated, the PA shall seek a new block holder. If question c and/or d have a response of No, the request for return shall be denied.

The thousands-block applicant certifies veracity of this form by signing their name, and providing their title and date.

Footnotes:

ⁱIdentify the type of change(s) in Section 1.5.

ⁱⁱThe Pool Administrator is available to assist in completing these forms.

ⁱⁱⁱA CO Code application will also need to be submitted to the PA.

^{iv}Operating Company Number (OCN) assignments must uniquely identify the applicant. Relative to CO Code assignments, NECA-assigned Company Codes may be used as OCNs. Companies with no prior CO Code or Company Code assignments should contact NECA (800 524-1020) to be assigned a Company Code(s). Since multiple OCNs and/or Company Codes may be associated with a given company, companies with prior assignments should direct questions regarding appropriate OCN usage to TRA (732-699-6700).

^vThis is an eleven-character descriptor of the switch provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This is the 11 character CLLI™ Code of the switch /POI.

^{vi}Rate Center name must be a tariffed Rate Center.

^{vii}Acknowledgment and indication of disposition of this application will be provided to applicant within seven calendar days from the date of receipt of this application. An incomplete form may result in delays in processing this request.

^{viii} Please ensure that the NPA-NXX of the LRN to be associated with this block (s) is/will be active in the PSTN prior to the effective date of the block(s).

^{ix} Select if you are the current Block Holder.

^x Select if you are not the current Block Holder

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Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administration Guidelines (TBPAG) - Appendix 3

Revised: January 4, 2016

MONTHS TO EXHAUST and UTILIZATION CERTIFICATION WORK SHEET - TN Level¹
(Thousands-Block Number Pooling Growth Block Request)

Tracking Number: 515-SLATER-IA-933901

Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016

OCN: 1167

Company Name: WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - NORTH

Rate Center: SLATER

List all Codes NPA(s)-NXX(s) and Blocks NPA(s)-NXX-X(s)²: 515-685-1,2,3,4,5,9

Name of Block Applicant: MARY RICHARDS

Signature: MARY RICHARDS

Title: CODE ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 864-672-5329-

Fax:

E-Mail: MARY.RICHARDS@WINDSTREAM.COM

A. Available Numbers: 5093

B. Assigned Numbers: 848

C. Total Numbering Resources: 6000

D. Quantity of numbers activated in the past 90 days (increments of 1,000 or 10,000) and excluded from the Utilization calculation ³: 0

List
Excluded
Code(s) or
Block(s):

Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

E. Growth History -	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-3</u>
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Previous 6
months⁴

F. Forecast
- Next 12
months⁵

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2

G. Average Monthly Forecast (Sum of months # 1-6 (Part F above) divided by 6): 1.0

H. Months
to Exhaust⁶

Numbers Available for Assignment to
Customers (A)

Average Monthly Forecast (G)

Block Requested

1

Available Numbers

5093

Months To Exhaust

5093.00

I.

Utilization⁷

Assigned Numbers (B)

X 100 =

14.133

Total Numbering Resources (C)-Excluded
Numbers (D)

Explanation: _____

¹A copy of this worksheet is required to be submitted to the Pooling Administrator when requesting additional numbering resources in a rate center. For auditing purposes, the applicant must retain a copy of this document.

²Report on all resources for the requested geographic area, including newly acquired blocks/codes.

³Quantity of numbers activated in the past 90 days is based on blocks and/or codes received from the administrator and shall be reported in increments of 1,000 or 10,000 TNs (e. g.: 2 blocks received=2,000 and 1 code received =10,000).

⁴Net change in TNs no longer available for assignment in each previous month, starting with the most distant month as Month 1, and Month 6 as the current month.

⁵Forecast of TNs needed in each following month, starting with the most recent month as Month 1.

⁶To be assigned an additional thousands-block (NXX-X) for growth, "Months to Exhaust" must be less than or equal to 6 months. (47 CFR § 52.15 (g) (4) (iii)).

⁷Newly acquired numbers may be excluded from the Utilization calculation (47 CFR § 52.15 (g)(4))

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Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administration Guidelines
(TBPAG) - Part 3

Revised: January 4, 2016

Pooling Administrator's Response/Confirmation

Tracking Number : 515-SLATER-IA-933901

Date of Application: 07/14/2016 Effective Date: _____
Date of Receipt: 07/14/2016 Date of Response: 07/14/2016

Service Provider Name: WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - NORTH

(LERGTM Routing Guide¹) OCN: 1167

Parent Company OCN: G118

NPAC SOA SPID : _____

Pooling Administrator Contact Information:

Kevin Gatchell Phone: 925-363-8742

Signature of Pooling Administrator
Kevin Gatchell Fax: 925-363-7692

Name (print)

Email: kevin.gatchell@neustar.biz

 NPA-NXX or
NPA-NXX-X :

Block Assigned: _____

Block Reserved : _____

Block Reservation
Expiration Date : _____

Block/Code
Modified : _____

Block/Code
Disconnected : _____

Block Contaminated (Yes or No): _____

If yes, enter the number of TNs
contaminated (1-1000): _____

Switch Identification (Switching/POI)²: SLTRIAXOPS0

Rate Center: SLATER

X Form complete, request denied.

Explanation:

DR-57: You do not meet the MTE and/or Utilization requirements, therefore this request for a new code is denied. You may proceed with requesting a State Waiver from the appropriate state commission using this Part 3 denial. If you are in disagreement with the disposition of this request, please refer to the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines for the appeals process.

Request Withdrawn.

Explanation:

Assignment Activity Suspended by Administrator.

Explanation:

Remarks:

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² This is an eleven-character descriptor provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This must be the Common Language[®] Location Code (CLLI[™] Code) of the switching entity/POI shown on the Part 1A form. Common Language[®] is a registered trademark and CLLI is a trademark and the Intellectual Property of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv.

MONTHS TO EXHAUST and UTILIZATION CERTIFICATION WORKSHEET – TN Level 1
(Thousands-Block Number Pooling Growth Block Request)

Date: 07/12/2016 OCN: 1167 Company Name: Windstream Communications

Rate Center: Slater, IA

List all Codes NPA(s)-NXXs and Blocks NPA(s)-NXX-X(s): 515-685-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9

Name of Block Applicant: Susan W. Barnhart Signature: _____

Title: Coordinator – MIRROR Administration Telephone No.: 786-629-4242 FAX No.: 706-776-3495

E-Mail: Susan.W.Barnhart@windstream.com

A. Available Numbers: 5093

B. Assigned Numbers: 848

C. Total Numbering Resources: 6000

D. Quantity of numbers activated in the past 90 days and excluded from the Utilization calculation: _____
List excluded Code(s) or Block(s): _____

	Month #1	Month #2	Month #3	Month #4	Month #5	Month #6	Month #7	Month #8	Month #9	Month #10	Month #11	Month #12
E. Growth History – Previous months ²	6	0	+1	-1	-5	-1	-3					

F. Forecast – Next 12 months³ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2

G. Average Monthly Forecast (Sum of months #1-6 (Part F above) divided by 6): 1

H. Months to Exhaust⁴ _____
Numbers Available for Assignment to Customers (A)
Average Monthly Forecast (G) = 5093

I. Utilization⁵ _____
Assigned Numbers (B) – Excluded Numbers (D) * 100 = 14%
Total Numbering Resources (C) – Excluded Numbers (D)

Explanation: _____

1 A copy of this worksheet is required to be submitted to the Pooling Administrator when requesting additional numbering resources in a rate center. For auditing purposes, the applicant must retain a copy of this document.

2 Net change in TNs no longer available for assignment in each previous month, starting with the most distant month as Month #1, and Month #6 as the current month.

3 Forecast of TNs needed in each following month, starting with the most recent month as Month #1.

4 To be assigned an additional thousands-block (NXX-X) for growth, "Months to Exhaust" must be less than or equal to 6 months. (FCC 00-104, § 52.15 (g) (3) (iii)).

5 Newly acquired numbers may be excluded from the Utilization calculation (FCC 00104, section 52.15 (g)(3)(ii))